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been going off for a few days from the station to the Brooklyn Hotel, Mr. Pike of Calais against it. At Portland, Maine, he is a strong advocate of the road; was argument with Mr. Pike, when some strong language was used, accompanied by a seizure of the arm of Mr. Poor, which necessitated his Mr. Pike, when an encounter ensued, but was checked at once by the interference of friends of the party. The matter has been their great reason for nothing of the kind will ever occur again this session. Mr. Pike, you are aware, is husband of the amiable and talented author of *Idly May and Agnes*.

A WANDERING PRINTER.—Karl Ungling, a journeyman printer, died at Detroit, a few days ago, after wandering over a large portion of the world. According to *The Ohio Statesman*, he was taken away from Baden, Germany, where he had been printing in the volunteer in the Mexican war, and was wounded and disfigured for life at the battle of Buena Vista. After the war, he traveled from Maine to Louisiana, and the frontiers of civilization, as a journeyman printer commenced the first German paper in New Orleans, and subsequently joined a theatrical company in Cincinnati, and was everywhere known as scholar, poet, musician and wit. He never remained long enough in one place to call it his home, but wherever he went he left friends who admired his extraordinary talents and his characteristic vagaries. He could spin a yarn, write a story, play a guitar, or sing a song, bring up a subject from a guitar, or tell a political elegance.

KILLED IN NEW ORLEANS.—On the 11th March at a hall in New-Orleans, Antoine Cambre killed a Spaniard named Manuel Saez. The homicide was committed during a desperate fight between the parties. *The Crescent* says:

"The Louisiana assassin is one of those people who make a profession of violence as permanence in all maritime cities, and which is permitted to exist only under the most stringent police regulations, and with the consent of such respectable people as may reside in the neighborhood. Men most noted for their cool courage, physical strength and politeness, they are called 'Cambre' because of the peace at such places, and Cambre was employed as the commissary of the Louisiana hall for his possession of all the above qualifications. Every one visiting the Louisiana ball felt safe and searched for weapons, by an officer specially employed for that duty, no weapons of any kind were allowed in the room. How Saez, armed with his razor, attacked Cambre, while the examining officer stood on, explain, if anybody."

TAKING AN OATH WITH GLOVED HANDS.—A decision has been said lately in England, upon the decision of Mr. Baron Bramwell, at the last Liverpool assizes touching the form of taking an oath. The learned Baron ruled that there was no law or obligation to take of the glove, and that an oath was taken, and the defendant took an oath from a person who held the Bible in a gloved hand. In the insolvent Debtors Court, on the 23rd inst., a similar matter turned up; Mr. Commissioner Murphy, who presided, said he was aware of the decision of Mr. Baron Bramwell, but he thought it better to adhere to the old custom, and the defendant took an oath with his right hand, and the knights were sworn they always took of their gauntlets. The opinion of the Commissioner was acquiesced in by the bar, as respectful and impressive, and on these grounds desirable, even though a legal authority to perform the act with ungloved hands could not be shown.

[Boston Courier.]

FOOLS NOT ALL DEAD.—Seven companies left our camp yesterday morning. Some were well provided and will have a pleasant trip, others had a moderate outfit, and will probably get through in safety. But one company embraced an amount of foolhardiness were paired to record. This company consisted of sixteen able bodied fellows, who picked up sticks and straw strapped to their waists, and a quantity of salt—estimated of 40 lbs. of crackers and a quantity of oats—the latter being barely sufficient to preserve the former in case it was not eaten. On being asked how they expected to make the trip of 500 miles with their ridiculous outfit, one of them replied: "That's easy enough. We intend to kill every animal we meet along the way." Very truly yours, [Leavesworth Daily Times 16th.

LIABILITY OF RAILROAD COMPANIES.—A judgment was affirmed at the General Term of the Supreme Court in Cincinnati on the 11th inst., which is of interest to travelers and railroad companies. A gentleman purchased a ticket from Cincinnati to Washington, and enquired of the agent whether he was insured. When he arrived his baggage was missing, and he subsequently sued the Little Miami Railroad Company for its value and a judgment was recovered in the Court below. This was affirmed, upon the ground that the ticket was recognized by the defendants, which was evidence of the contract. The Chief Justice of the Washington Circuit, in the same case, held that the fact of the loss of the baggage was evidence to show that there was a release or separation of contracts as to the various claims in regard to the passenger and his baggage.

PIKE'S PEAK GOLD.—Mr. Wm. N. Walsh, fresh from Denver City, has brought to Leavenworth \$100 worth of gold dust, which he dug in twenty days with indifferent tools. Mr. Walsh told the California miners that he would like to see *Olimba Regia*, which a miner with rovers, will make from five to eight dollars a day during the summer, and from eight to twenty dollars where water can be obtained from sluices. The best diggings are on Cherry Creek, Dry Creek, Platte River, and Vaquero Fork. Shot gold has been found on San Fran's Fork. The old Californians are very confident that great discoveries will be made in the mountains.

BOOKS.—The Canadian Parliament is intensely engaged in investigating what may be taxed. The other evening in debating the Customs bill one member stated that the Bible was to be charged with only ten percent duty and several authors rose in protest. The government opposed them, arguing that no discrimination should be allowed. Hereafter all books, except a comparatively meager lot of English copyrights, have entered free of duty, and the result of applying a duty will be to utterly break up the book-selling business in Canada. The new edition of the Bible, published in London, is manufactured in the United States, cannot lose by the cheapness than the general better style in which the books are gotten up.

THE LONG BRIDGE.—On Tuesday afternoon, six ladies, accompanied by some male friends, were crossing the Long Bridge, one of them suddenly disappeared to her waist through the flooring—she fell and landed in the river. Her friends, seeing her fall, having time to get up and let her through. Fortunately for the lady, her crinoline extended beyond the limits of the aperture through which she had fallen, and it, together with her presence mind in meeting her arms, saved her from death. [Wash. States, 24th.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.—An exceedingly curious book has just appeared at Paris, from the pen of M. Edouard Fournier, the learned and witty feuilletonist of *La Presse*. It is in two volumes, and entitled "Old New World." The author tells us that the discoveries of our boasted modern inventions and discoveries were in reality known already to the ancient Greeks and Romans, not to speak of the Egyptians and the inhabitants of the Celestial Empire.

RATHER RAPID.—The negro Henry, who murdered Mr. Wm. Watkins, in Carroll parish, La., two weeks since, was captured on Sunday, taken to Lake Providence and tried on Tuesday, and hung on Friday. *The Herald* says fears were entertained that the murderer would be wrested from the stake, so great was the indignation of the people.

A JAIL OF SOLID ROCK.—The people of Calhoun County, Alabama, are building a jail, the first story of which is to be of solid rock, and no rock allowed therein less than three feet long, three feet wide, and four inches thick. Every rock in the danger is to be quarried and hewn into hammer-faces. The lower story is divided into three rooms—one a dungeon, one for debtors, and one for females.

EXPOSURE OF SLAVES.—We learn from *The Keokuk Free City*, that a drove of seventy fugitive slaves passed from the northern counties of Missouri, passed through Burlington, Iowa, last Sunday morning, on their way to the land of Freedom.

BRAVE GIRL.—Jane Bonstedt recently shot a wildcat, and brought him down from a tree, near her father's house in the town of Marcell, up North. She carried him home, supplied with her dog, when she jumped in and pounded the "beast" until he was dead.

The late James Allen, of Mississippi, left an estate worth about \$22,000 to Oglesboro University. To Synod of Alabama, at their late meeting at Mobile resolved to raise \$10,000, to erect additional buildings for the accommodation of the students of the University.

OUR FIRST DISSENTMENT.—*The Havana Diario de Marino* says that the failure of the \$90,000 Cuban purchase bill, may be non-ratification of the Cien-Cien-Yavier treaty, may be considered as our first dissentment as a progressive and expansive people.

FIVE PERSONS DROWNED.—In Ralls County, Mo. on Thursday last week, Mrs. Rebecca Hayden, a widow lady, and her four children, while attempting to cross Salt River, were drowned. They were in a buggy, which they endeavored to drive across the ford, when it upset.

CENSUS OF LOUISIANA.—Official information reported by the Governor of Louisiana, gives the following population of the State: Whites, 325,067; colored, 203,800; free colored, 18,164. Total, 546,031.

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